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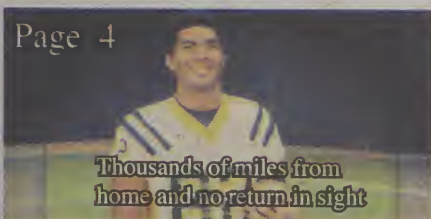
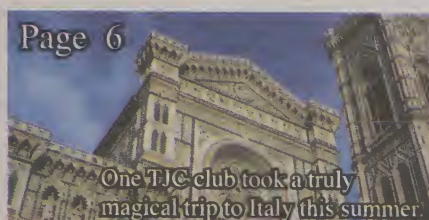
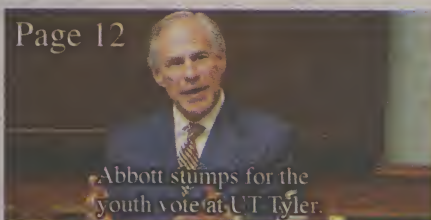
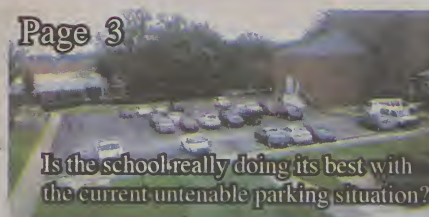
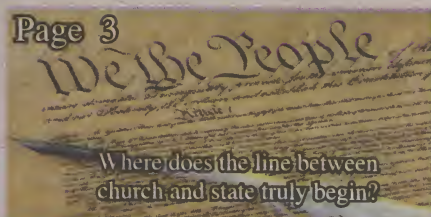


## A candid approach

### GATHER 'ROUND

Director Matthew James Butler gathers his cast on stage to discuss their approach to the characters and what the story means to them.

Photo by Cory McCoy



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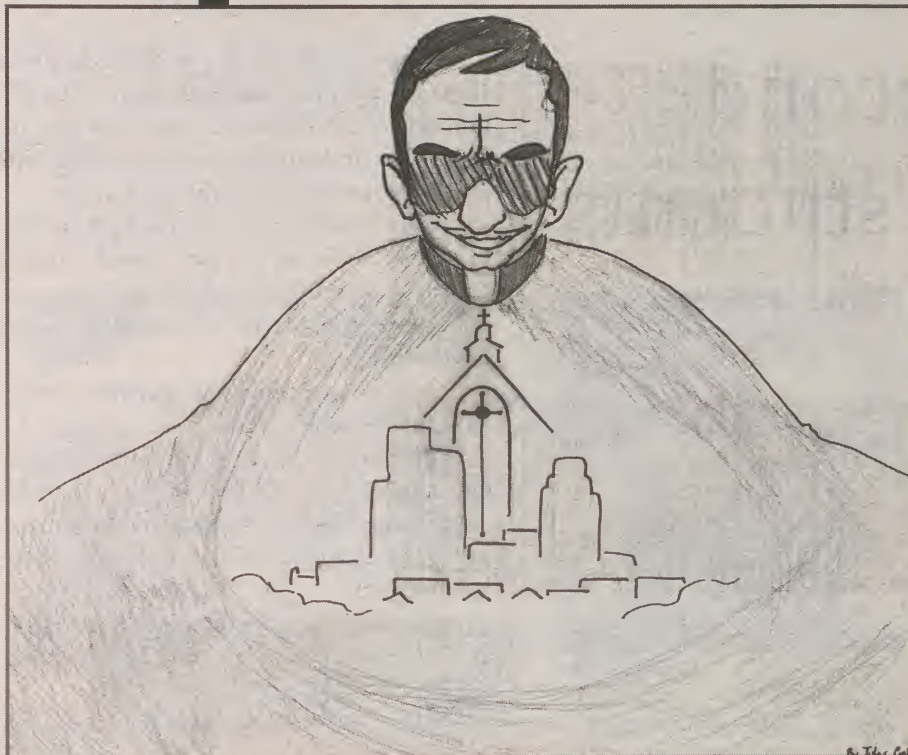
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# Opinion



## Editorial

### We got parking's like whoa!

"Oh yeah, you'll love going to TJC! It's cost effective, they have great teachers, and it sure is a beautiful school but they have terrible, terrible parking." said everyone I asked about TJC before enrolling here. Everyone was right. Going into my last semester, I have to say that I have loved my time here at TJC and I will remember it always. There are great people here doing great things. With that being said, there is one huge problem on this beautiful campus. Here's the most forward way to say it ... There is not enough parking at Tyler Junior College and if you think there is, you're part of the problem.

My first day at TJC made it violently clear to me how right people were about (As all of us at the Pow Wow have started calling it), "The Parking Situation." I drove around the parking lots one at a time trying to find a spot to park, in loop after loop of anger and stress inducing confusion. "If they know they have this many students here, why don't they have enough places to park?" I asked myself. I ended up parking in the neighborhood north of Devine St. and that is where I have parked ever since. It isn't until midterms that I even start to glance over at the endless ocean of filled parking spaces in lot S-8, (the big parking lot between Lewis Hall and the Pirtle Technology Building), with a glint of hope in my heart of actually finding a space in a reasonable amount of time. By 9 a.m. if you're looking anywhere else, you are wasting your time. I just content myself to the fact that everyday I'm going to walk a mile from my car to get to my classes and roughly the same to get back to my car after classes are over.

Brian has a lot of opinions, to read the rest visit [www.MyTJCnews.com](http://www.MyTJCnews.com)

## Just how separate are church and state in Tyler?

### Column

Have you ever looked around the city and noticed a plethora of churches at every turn you take? Well it got me thinking, who really runs Tyler? The people elected to office? Or the never-ending reach that churches seem to believe they have? If you've lived here or around the area then I'm sure you know the stories of businesses closing spontaneously with little to no word despite doing well, business-wise.

Turns out that pressure from so-called churches in town were weighing in on them and they had no choice. Or what about the businesses that never even got a chance to open in the first place? Another tale I've heard is that when Yamato first opened they had a hard time getting their license to sell alcohol, then all of a sudden they made a donation to Green Acres and poof, no more trouble. The problem with all this is that churches believe they're doing what's best for the city.

Well, that's what the city has departments for, but if they have a mayor in their pocket, this is when things can begin to get a bit tricky. Now this is not an attack on religion or on the churches by any means, more of an observation to them thinking they have full reign as to control



Favian Quezada  
Editor-in-Chief

aspects of development that they should not even be sticking their noses in, in the first place. I understand that they feel they have an obligation to their congregation (whoa, rap song anybody?) but what about the people who would rather see Tyler grow? And what city doesn't love when new businesses come in and contribute to tax revenue? We're beginning to let these people who run either a small church or "mega church" such as Green Acres, whose leader David Dykes really doesn't have the best reputation when it comes to supporting things ... Uganda anyone? Again, not an attack rather an observation.

What's next, an attack on freedom of speech? Oh, but wait that's happening already. Take the new show that will be performed by the Actors Preparatory Exchange, "Spring Awakening."

A student minister at the Marvin United Methodist Church (who has yet to return our calls, it's ok we'll try again) called the local media and made a big deal about the show because it had suggested sexual material. What made him irate was the casting call saying that if the actor was 17 they needed their parent's permission to audi-

tion (which is no longer the case, the actors must be 18 or older to perform in the play).

He said, and I quote, "As a student minister when I think about a parent signing off on this, it really, red flags go way up in the air for me," he continues, "To think that a parent would be endorsing this."

Now I believe that's just another way he's sticking his nose where it doesn't belong. Are your kids going to be in this play? Judging by your lack of interest in the play, I'd say no. But who are you to say red flags go way up when another parent who is completely comfortable allowing their child to perform in a play that lets them extend their acting abilities to something other than the usual Christmas play?

Again, this is all observation of what I see in this town. Another reason I'm really glad I was raised to just accept people for who they are and that it's the way they treat others that matters (Jesus anyone?). My point here, is if you don't like a place for the way their servers dress or a play, don't go. (In this case, a Tony Award winning play that began its Broadway run in 2006 and was written in 1891) If you're comfortable with eating your chicken sandwiches Monday thru Saturday then keep doing that. But if you're ready for something different and new, well I suggest taking a road trip because at this rate it's only fast food and clothes shopping from here on out.



# Student Life

## Sports teams become second family for international students

By Virginia Foster  
staff writer

Every holiday, while many students are celebrating with their families, some are left longing for home.

"I miss having a big holiday dinner with my family and stuff," Tyler Junior college football player Buddy Tuamasaga said. "Because honestly, I have always been more of a family guy."

It has been a year and a half since Buddy has seen his family due to the expense of traveling back to his hometown of Pago Pago in American Samoa, and the distance is taking its toll. Tuamasaga misses even the smallest things, most of which he finds other students take for granted.

"Sometimes it really bothers me not being able to see my parents, for example, for orientation and stuff like that. I will see kids with their parents and really wish my parents were here," Tuamasaga said.

Tuamasaga fills one of 1,028 beds on the Tyler Junior College campus, many of which foreign students fill.

Several of these students find themselves in the predicament of having to find a place to stay over the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break holidays due to the \$25 daily fee charged by the Housing office or even more expensive plane tickets home.

Erica Kaze, former Tyler Junior College Student Senate officer, wrote and submitted a proposal to eliminate the \$25 dollar daily fee last year, but the fee is said to be set in stone due to Tyler Junior College policy, meaning a new solution needs to be found.

"I would say visit with their friends, look into the com-



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**FAMILY TIME** (left to right) friend Henry Zea'Aetva, sister Wada and nephew Caleb Tuamasaga, Buddy Tuamasaga, and father Tua Jr. Tuamasaga. (Above)

**A HELPING HAND** TJC Red Shirt Program Specialist Ryan Taylor coaches Buddy Tuamasaga at football practice. (Left)

munity," Director of Auxiliary Services Diana Darol said. "Are there church groups that support students? What are the other resources in the community?"

These ties could be extremely beneficial, but still cannot replace the feeling that family can bring over the holiday season.

Although he does not see himself getting the chance to go home soon, Tuamasaga tries to stay in touch with his family through technology.

"I Skype with them every other week, but it sucks because every time I Skype with them they try not to cry while we are talking on Skype and stuff, and then after we Skype they start crying, and I am doing the same thing," said Tuamasaga.

## Clubs are food for the soul

Katrina Chaney  
Verve Editor

The everyday job as a student is to attend class, pay attention, and focus. But, a true college experience should be more than just going to class. It should be about connecting with other students who share the same interests.

Get to know your campus and get involved in student activities. You pay a good chunk of money for your tuition and you owe it to yourself to get more out of it by making it more worthwhile.

Make it more enjoyable and more memorable for yourself.

There's over 30 organizations on campus," said Lauren Tyler, director of the student life department. "You've got everything from paintball club to religious affiliated clubs to multicultural clubs."

There are clubs that are for specific majors, as well. There are even certain clubs for residential life.

Also, there are things for commuters to do as well. Commuting should not be a reason to hold back from getting the real college experience.

There are also many benefits from getting connected to life on campus.

"It will build your character, help you out later in life with jobs, and gives you more of an insight of what the rest of your life might be like," said Erin Eads, sophomore at TJC. "It's really rewarding because I get to know a lot of the students."

Joining an organization can help provide students with networking, leadership, and confidence.

The earlier students start to get involved, the more opportunity they have for networking and the more experience they get from it.

Start meeting people now and getting in contact with specific clubs you might be interested in.

There are many events that are held throughout the semester that students can attend. It gives them a chance to put their names out there and find where they fit in best.

There are many clubs to choose from and if a student is ever having trouble deciding between them, they could possibly try to get to know the members of them better.

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# Clubs

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Upperclassmen who are active in student life are also available to get advice from if there is uncertainty about what some of the clubs stand for. There are also leaders for every club that you can access to help provide answers to any questions.

Ask friends or roommates who are part of an organization if you can go with them to check it out. Go visit even

more clubs with mutual friends of theirs.

If you still haven't found the right fit, meetings and campus events are always encouraged to be attended by all students.

Also, check the TJC website daily and see what all is coming up throughout the semester. Don't forget to keep intact with the TJC event calendar!



Photo by Kacy Lunceford

**YOU CAN FIND ME IN DA CLUB** The Hispanic Student Organization does some outreach in order to spread the word about their club during the Welcome Week Activities Fair. (Above)

**GO GO POWER RANGERS!** Anime Club President Geoffrey Traylor strikes a pose with his costumed friend. (Below)

Photo by Kacy Lunceford



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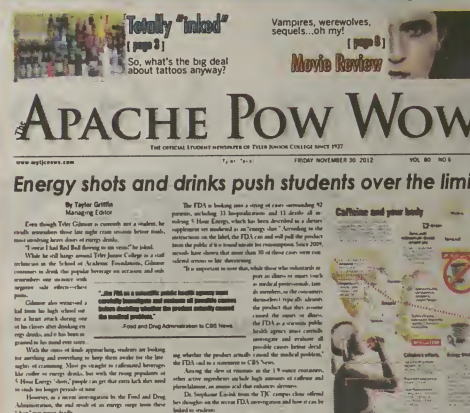


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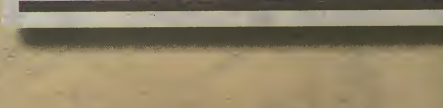
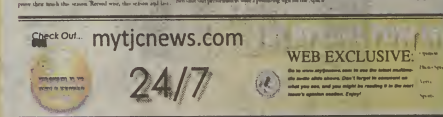
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Apache men score big at soccer champion

By Desmond Brown  
Staff Writer  
As the regular season wrapped up, the end goal was to win the championship. The Apache men's soccer team had been working hard and was finally ready to take the championship home. In the final game, they defeated their opponent 2-1. The team's captain, [Name], was named the Most Valuable Player. The team's coach, [Name], said, "I am proud of my team. They have worked hard and they have earned this championship." The team will be celebrating their victory for the next few days.



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# Verve

## TJC says Viva Italia!

By Kacy Lunceford  
Advertising Editor

Studiare è divertente, first thoughts are probably "what does that mean?" It means studying is fun. Now you're probably thinking "since when is studying fun?" Fifteen TJC students had the opportunity to go to Italy for a month, and to do what? Study.

"Florence itself is a museum, the city is just amazing," said Chris Stewart, Tyler Junior college professor/ department chair of Art.

During the summer of 2014 from June 18-July 18, Professors T.J. McLemore and Chris Stewart took 15 students to Italy for a month to study art and writing. The courses offered there consisted of art history, a studio course, creative writing, and world literature. Each student was able to choose two classes, earning six college hours. Students were chosen through an application process based on grade point average, campus involvement, and although it isn't required, an art major or in the honors program. "We spent a month just writing, reading, studying, and making art in Florence," said Stewart.

They visited several different cities in Italy including Florence, Siena, Orvieto, and Rome. "I think what stood out most to the students was living like an Italian for a month. It changed their perspective on the world and the way we live here," said McLemore, Tyler Junior College professor/Honors Program coordinator. "You go down to the market and buy food from the guy you see every day and know his name by the end of the month," said McLemore.

While in Italy, the group had the opportunity to travel to different galleries, museums, and churches. Santa Maria del Fiore and Santa Croce are just a couple of churches they visited. "Florence is the art capital of the Western World," said McLemore. A couple of galleries that the group went to were the Accademia, where Michelangelo's "David" is, and the Galleria degli Uffizi. "All these places are just filled with works of art, that actually have to do with the history of Florence," said McLemore.

McLemore and Stewart plan to take another group to Italy next summer. By getting involved on campus, maintaining a good



Photos by T.J. McLemore

**IMMORTALIZED** Art student Joy Malone admires renaissance era statues. (Above)



Jan Baptistista Gisleni, a baroque architect chose to live on in a very unusual way. (Left)

grade point average and completing the application process, students could earn a spot to go. Students in the Honors Program or who are an art major are also welcomed. Traveling abroad can give students knowledge beyond the classroom by learning how to live in a foreign country, learning a new language, and studying the different culture. "TJC is a unique institution in different ways. You don't see a lot of junior colleges doing what we're doing, so it's something we thought was really important to do," Stewart said.

If interested, contact either Professor McLemore or Professor Stewart; students can contact them by emailing them or calling them.

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## Get smoked this weekend at Stanley's

By Anastasia Perales  
Staff Writer

Tasty barbecue and live music are drawing people of all ages to Stanley's Famous Pit Bar-B-Que.

"Stanley's is a place for everyone to hangout," said Nick Pencis, owner of Stanley's Famous Pit Bar-B-Que. "My wife Jen and I, our whole philosophy is that everyone is welcome here. We want it to be fun and accessible. We want everyone to feel like Stanley's is their place."

Stanley's restaurant has been serving barbecue to the East Texas area for almost 60 years. Owners Nick and Jen Pencis have honored the long history of Stanley's while expanding the venue. It is not only a place for true Texas barbecue, but a place where musicians can showcase their work for customers to enjoy.

The musicians perform on the patio next to a painting on the wall reading "Support Live Music." The music varies from blues, funk, soul and southern rock. During the week local musicians and regulars are at Stanley's, but on Friday nights bands from all around Texas and even the country, from New York to New Orleans perform.

It isn't often residents get the opportunity to hear a band live in Tyler, and that's what Stanley's is trying to bring to its customers.

"We try to catch these guys while they're out on the road to give people an opportunity to get to see music they wouldn't see otherwise, unless they drove to Austin or Dallas. We're trying to bring those artists here to town to showcase them here," said Pencis.

Customers of Stanley's vary in age, from young college



## A photograph of the exterior of Stanley's Famous Pit Bar-B-Q. The main sign is dark with 'STANLEY'S' in green and 'Famous PIT BAR-B-Q' in white and red. A smaller 'OPEN' sign is visible below it.

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# Cover Story

**Cory McCoy**  
Managing Editor

When art is faced with obscenity charges, a judge will often implement what is known as the Roth Test. The Roth Test says that art is only obscene when it has no other redeeming qualities. Here in East Texas a play is being subjected to calls of obscenity, but no one is asking whether or not the subject matter passes standards.

"Spring Awakening" was written in 1891 and has been performed all over the world in the 112 years since its inception, even though it was out of circulation after a ban in the author's homeland, Germany. At issue are its themes of sexual discovery and growth.

"Young adults of all generations ... do identify with this coming of age story," said Chris Abraham, co-founder of the Actor's Preparatory Exchange, which is hosting the play. "I was particularly drawn, as a producer, to the popularity of this play. I really didn't know that (millennials) were so passionate about this piece."

Jake Womack, a youth pastor at Marvin United Methodist church has called upon the community to shut them down based on the fact that the play will feature nudity.

"I think it stems from fear. It's a scary thing to sit down with your child and talk about sex," said Allison Pharr, a former TJC student, who is playing (Martha). "And it's scarier to have a show like this that puts directly in front of you what will happen if you don't have those conversations."

The founders of APEX say they choose their material based on the value of the story for the community and "Spring Awakening" is no exception. In a state as notoriously behind on sexual education as Texas, they be-



Photos by Cory McCoy

lieve that the play's themes are exactly what their audience needs to see.

"The church has a monopoly on the morality of sex and there is no room for interpretation. There's no room for the other side," said Pharr.

Unfortunately, not everyone agrees with them. The theatre came under fire from local media and the fallout has caused them to move to their new location sooner than anticipated.

"This charming incubator, as I like to call it, we've had an amazing two year run to learn how to do what we do, to produce theatre at this level," said Abraham. "It's so much more than we ever thought it was going to be."

Director Matthew Butler prefers to see the situation as a blessing. He hopes that the exposure will drive East Texans to the play so that they can judge the play based on its merits.

"What would I say to them? I understand where they're coming from because they've never read the play," said

Butler. "I think it's easier to take something and stamp it with a label as sacrilegious as opposed to delving into (challenging) material."

Butler's approach to the play is novel. He is allowing the actors to define their characters based on their own experiences and gives them an unprecedented amount of room to play, while never becoming too lax.

"If I have an approach, it would be like looking at my actors as pieces of a puzzle, but they have the choice to decide what's colored on their piece," said Butler. "I just want to put them in the right place and give them the opportunity to color all outside the lines. I want my actors to be able to trust themselves."

Dates for Spring Awakening, Under(Current), and the Bohemian Variety shows will be announced once APEX has opened in its new location. Ticketing information and more can be found at [www.apextheatre20.com](http://www.apextheatre20.com)



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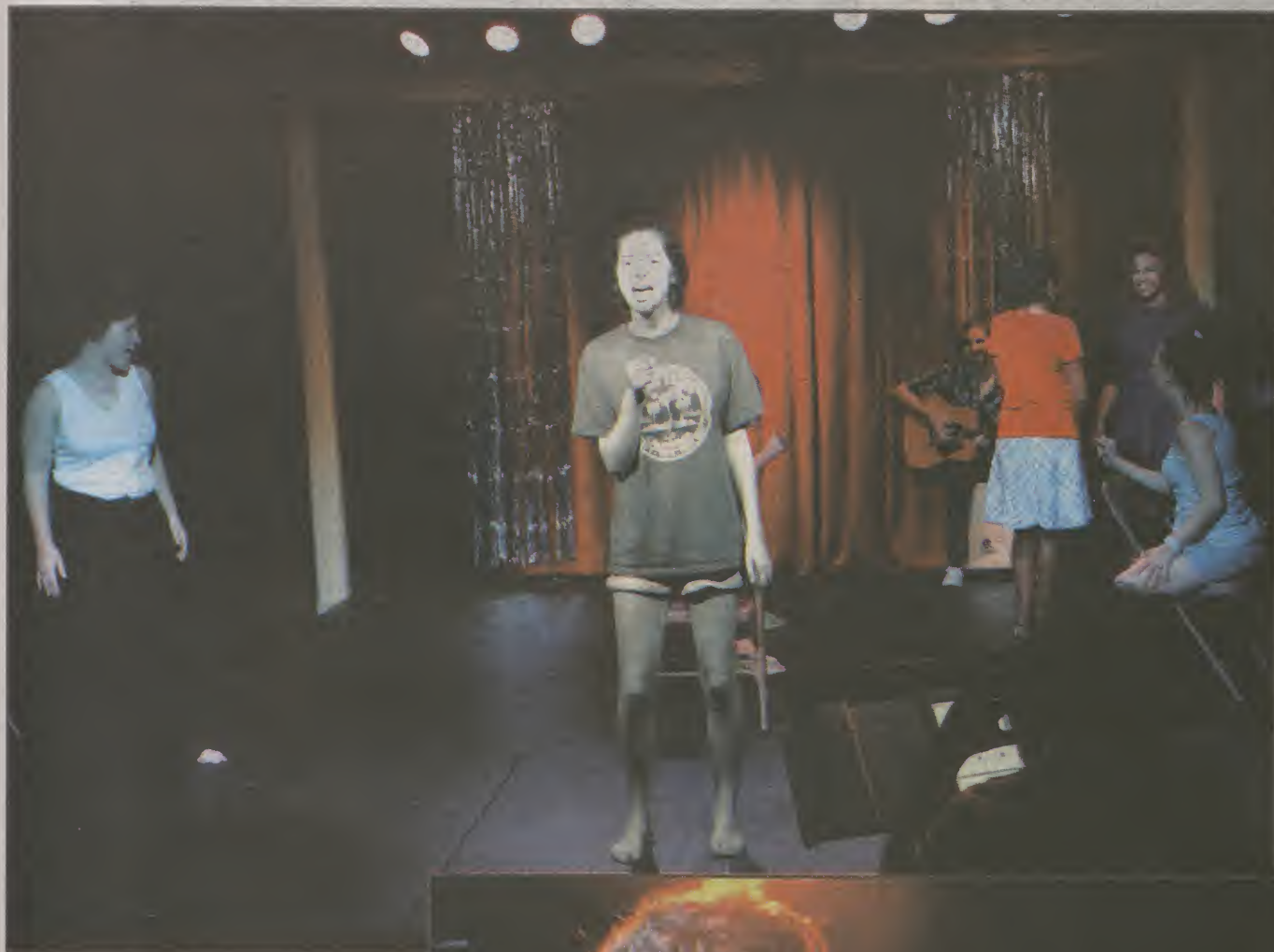


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**ALONE IN A CROWDED ROOM** Evan Manning's character, Wendla, sings "Mama who bore me" after begging her mother to treat her like an adult.

Photo by Cory McCoy

**A HARD LESSON TO LEARN** Director Matthew Butler, foreground, stands in for Chris Abraham's Headmaster Knochenbruch as he chastises Hunter Regian's Melchior for sticking up for a classmate





# Sports

## redshirt or redshirt?

Coaches and players describe the differences between two similar-sounding programs

By Haley Huston  
Sports Editor

There is a lot of confusion when it comes to assigning the term "redshirt" on campus. This is due to the fact that the term is used for two seemingly unrelated things.

The term "redshirt" could refer to a member of the football team who took a year off, extending a limited eligibility, or redshirt could mean a member of the redshirt program, a program that allows student to practice under the supervision of the team's coaches for a year with a chance of recruitment at the end of the year.

"Being a redshirt and being in the redshirt program are two different things," said sophomore Chris Mobley, sophomore football player and former redshirt. "Because I'm actually on the team, they're (redshirt program members) not on the team at all. They're just people who came and wanted to play football so they joined the redshirt

program."

NJCAA Division II student athletes have 10 semesters or 15 quarters of full-time enrollment in order to participate as a student athlete. Of these 10 semesters or 15 quarters, a student-athlete only has four years of athletic eligibility (seasons of competition) in which he or she can participate against outside competition. Athletes who choose to redshirt gain another year of eligibility.

"Where that term originated from was probably back in the 70s. Prior to the mid-70s, you could not play varsity football and not even varsity basketball in the NCAA at a four-year college level as a freshman and they say you're redshirted," said Jon Groth, professor of health and kinesiology. "You could just go to school and you couldn't play. It's kind of evolved into something that is very different than that now, and that's why I say there's some ambiguity there because sometimes people say, 'oh that guy has an injured knee so he's going to redshirt.'"



Photo by Haley Huston

**REDSHIRTING** Freshman Apache football player Andreu Kirby and Brandon Upshaw lineup against each other for a defensive drill in practice. Kirby redshirted last year to extend his eligibility time to play football.

The term "redshirt" is also applied to students who are not on the team at Tyler Junior College, but students who participate in the "redshirt program".

"They put you in different groups to exercise and workout to get better so you try out for the team," said Freshman Rondell Foster, who participates in the redshirt program. "We run, we workout, stretch and do all that stuff, football stuff will happen at the end of the semester and we start tryouts and all that."

The football program runs most

well known redshirt program on Tyler Junior College campus, but each redshirt program is ran at the discretion of the coaches for that sport.

"There is not a blanket Red Shirt Program at Tyler Junior College," said Groth. "Each sport is run individually by the head coach and all the assistant coaches. They separate them (redshirt program members). They are not with the regular players. Everyone else is together. [Members] go through practices and things."

## School Spirit has Boundaries



Haley Huston  
Sports Editor

As football season gets well under way and homecoming draws nearer, Apache Nation should be getting little school spirit. I know I'm focusing on football and not to take away from other sports, because I am a former volleyball player, but let's get realistic, this is Texas. Texas is a football state. College schools are well known for their fierce loyalty and team spirit that in some cases, is taken to the extremes.

You might have heard of the "Battle

of the Brazos" and if you have not it is a fierce rivalry between the Baylor Bears and A&M. Everyone always hears about Longhorns versus Aggies, but Aggies have had an ongoing battle of pranks and jokes with the Bears that in some cases went too far. A group of Aggies students stole the Baylor Bear in the 1950s but the bear soon became enraged and they released it about 20 miles outside of Waco after it destroyed the car. The Baylor bear is a living animal, please keep this in mind, there is no proof that the students had serious intentions of harming the animal, but the situation could have easily escalated out of control.

Does doing something to show school spirit justify the actions? No! There are boundaries, jokes and pranks against rival schools may begin as horseplay or just for a laugh but they could have long term consequences. Painting the wall of a rival school your team color would be epic, because you either succeeded in a prank that will be talked about for years or you get caught and expelled for vandalism and your academic record is forever blemished. Have some taste, cheering at a game and wearing the colors get the point across.



# NJCAA strips TVCC of wins

By Haley Huston  
Sport Editor

TVCC was stripped of all wins by the NJCAA for the for the 2013-2014 football season after a self reported ineligibility issue.

Trinity Valley Community College was stripped of all wins on August 29 by the NJCAA after an international player reported he was ineligible to play due to age on August 28, 2014.

According to Article V, section 3 B of the "Eligibility Rules of the National Junior College Athletic Association" (NJCAA) "an HS(-3) student-athlete reaching his/her 21st birthday prior to August 1st each year will be charged with one (1) season of NJCAA eligibility regardless of participation provided he/she has NJCAA eligibility remaining. An HS(-3) student-athlete reaching his/her 22nd birthday prior to August 1st each year will be charged with two (2)

seasons of NJCAA eligibility regardless of participation."

To clarify a student who reaches the age of 21 prior to August 1 has one year of eligibility, but students who reach the age of 22 before August 1 have no eligibility. If the student has his/her birthday after August 1st the student is eligible for two seasons and if students reaches his/her 22nd birthday after August 1 the student has only one season of eligibility.

"TVCC has to vacate their wins from last year," said Mark Krug, NJCAA Assistant Executive Director. "This does not mean teams that lost to TVCC in 2013 automatically receive wins. The game outcomes are not changed, the wins from TVCC are vacated."

TVCC submitted an appeal to NJCAA ruling to vacate sanctions on September 2, 2014. NJCAA denied the appeal on September 11, 2014.

TVCC's public relations director had no comment beyond the press release.



## Upcoming Athletic Events



### Football

Sept. 20 vs. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M  
Sept. 27 vs. Cisco Junior College  
Oct. 4 vs. Texas A&T @ *Pearland at the Rig*

### Volleyball

Sept. 20 vs. Navarro College  
Sept. 20 vs. Lee College  
Sept. 24 vs. Paris Junior College @ Paris Junior College  
Oct. 1 vs. Lamar State College- Port Arther @ Lamar  
Oct. 3 vs. New Mexico Military Institute  
Oct. 3 vs. Western Nebraska Community College

### Men's Soccer

Sept. 19 vs. Paris Junior College  
Sept. 20 vs. Northeast Texas Community College  
Sept. 26 vs. San Jacinto College- South @ San Jacinto  
Oct. 2 vs. Cloudy County Community College  
Oct. 3 vs. Allen County Community College

### Women's Soccer

Sept. 19 vs. Paris Junior College  
Sept. 20 vs. Northeast Texas Community College  
Sept. 26 vs. Western Texas College  
Sept. 29 vs. Navarro College  
Cowan Creek

### Baseball

Sept. 26- TX-NM Juco All Star Game  
Sept. 27- TX-NM Juco All Star Game  
Oct. 1 vs. McLennan Community College @ McLennan  
Oct. 3 vs. Cedar Valley College

### Men's Golf

Sept. 22-23: University of Mary Hardin-Baylor-Cowan Creek  
Sept. 29-30: University Of Texas at Tyler - The Cascades

### Women's Golf

Sept. 22-23: University of Mary Hardin-Baylor- Wildflower Golf Course

### Men's Tennis

Sept. 26-28: ITA Fall Regional @ Tyler, Tx  
Oct. 3-5: Lamar Invite @ Beaumont, Tx

### Women's Tennis

Sept. 26-28: ITA Fall Regional @ Tyler, Tx

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### SEPT. 25, 2014

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**Luncheon: (invitation only)** Keynote speaker Shawn Harper  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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**Keynote speaker:** 7 p.m.  
Wagstaff Gymnasium

Shawn Harper

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# News

## Abbott Trying To Make College Cheaper

By Calvin Maynard  
Student Life Editor

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, Republican candidate for governor of the state of Texas, says he aims to expand existing programs to lighten college students' financial burdens.

"My plan does several things," Abbott said at the Tyler Morning Telegraph's editorial board meeting, which the Apache Pow Wow was invited to participate in. "We've got to get kids better educations, and I have a variety of plans to achieve that."

Abbott's four-part plan involves reforms at all levels of public education, and focuses on community colleges in particular.

"Right now, over 19,000 high school students are making a 3 or above in their AP (Advanced Placement) courses," he said. "Part of my plan would be enforced on high schools, making a law that AP courses making a 3 or above would count for college credits. That adds up to \$1,000 in savings per course for low-income families."

TJC already has a similar program, though somewhat more demanding.

"That, I think, will be really interesting," said Sarah Van Cleef, vice president of Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer. "It's not just one test. It's a whole year of work. I looked at what we have, and several of our programs require a 4 or even a 5, like Spanish. Many of ours require a 3, though. It will be interesting to see what discussion comes from 4-year institutions. It's putting us all on the same playing field."

Abbott's policy is also concerned with education beyond a two-year degree.

"One problem that's costing a lot of money is that students will take community college courses, and find out that a lot of their course credits are non-transferable," Abbott said. "We should have a law to change that."

TJC is already ahead of the curve in this area as well.

"It's different with transfers at private schools," said Dr. Mike Metke, president of TJC. "We already do a good number of those."

The third part of Abbott's plan involves

education beyond brick-and-mortar classrooms.

"I'd want to expand the role of advanced online learning," Abbott said. "At the University of Texas, online courses cost about \$1,400 less per semester, and that means real money in cost savings."

This portion of his plan would not affect TJC greatly.

"We do have online courses and online degree programs," Ms. Van Cleef said. "We're batting average, probably. I think we're ahead in that we have online degree programs, and you can take some online and some face-to-face courses. I know that at some colleges, it has to be all one or all the other. I think this is geared more toward transfer institutions."

Other portions of Abbott's plan would hold four-year colleges accountable for outcome-based funding, establish block scheduling, and increase the Hazelwood financial exemption for families of military veterans.

"I think it's great to hold us all accountable to the same outcomes," Ms. Van Cleef said. "About 10 percent of our state funding is outcome based, whether it's on graduations, or a number of hours, and so on."

"As far as block scheduling, many of our students at two-year institutions are working part time. I don't know if we call it 'block scheduling,' but we do try to have a set of core classes in the morning, a set in the afternoon, and a set in the evening, for if a student works a morning or afternoon job. We're trying to pull that schedule together right now."

"And as for the Hazelwood exemption, spouses and dependent receive up to 150 semester credit hours with no money from the state. As of the middle of August, we exempt over \$800 K, and anticipate that this number alone will hit \$1 million by next year. It's a phenomenal service, and Greg Abbott's saying 'It's great, we need to keep it.' A lot of his plan is expanding programs that already exist."

Voter registration ends Oct. 6. Early voting is from Oct. 20-31, and election day is Nov 4.

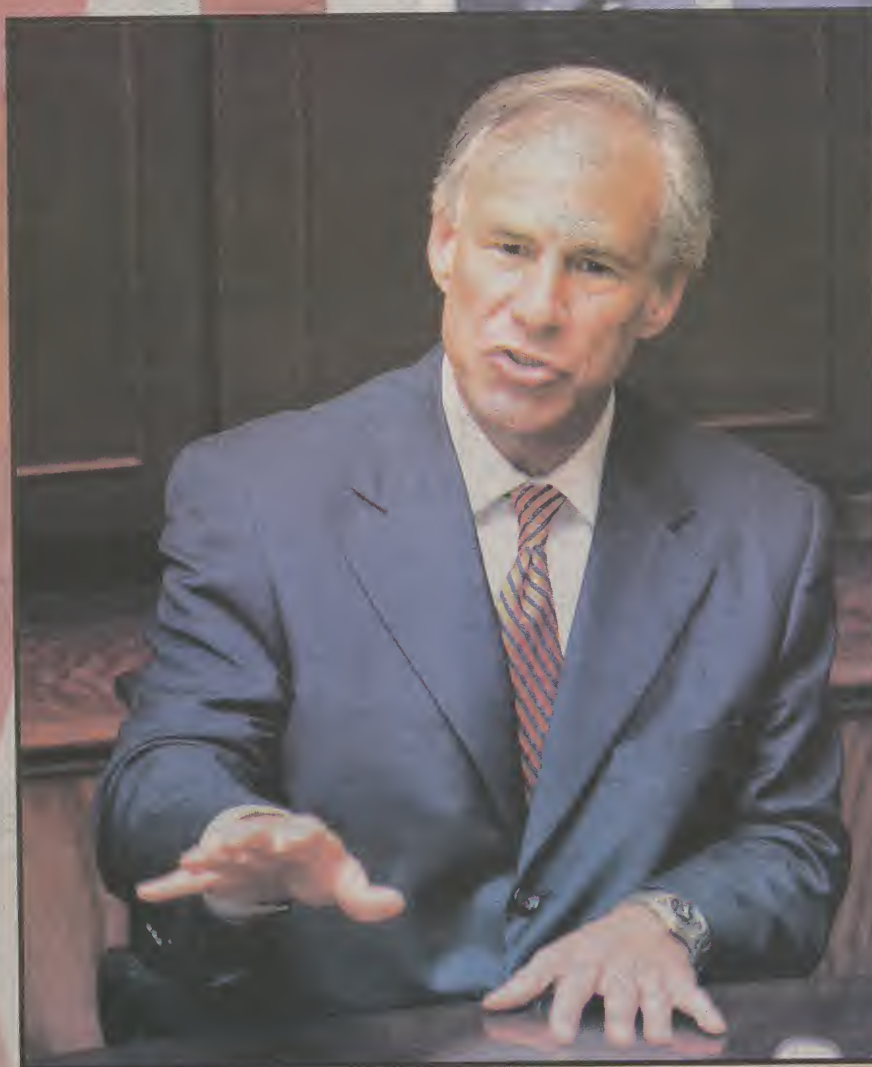


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**MAKING HIS POINT** Greg Abbott speaks to students at UT-Tyler about his talking points and the importance of the youth vote.



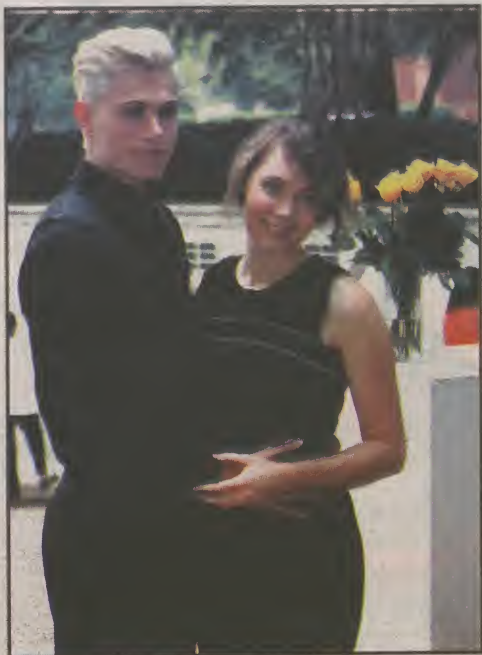
campus **SCENE**  
**Founder's Day**



Photo by Cory McCoy

**HONORING THE ONES WE LOST** Director of Public Affairs and Grant Development, Fred Peters confers with Dr. Mejia, Vice President of Student Affairs, at the annual Founder's Day Memorial Ceremony. (Above)

**RECREATING PROM NIGHT MAGIC** Sophomore TJC College Chamber Singers Hanro Janse Van Rensberg and Johanna Ramsey performed at ceremony.



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# Smoking the competition

**Favian Quezada**  
Editor-In-Chief

According to the justice.gov, "schedule I drugs, substances or chemicals are defined as drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse. Schedule I drugs are the most dangerous drugs of all the drug schedules with potentially severe psychological or physical dependence."

Noting that the scheduling of marijuana is not exactly the right choice, and was pushed heavily due to race in the 30's, states have been passing their own legislation to decriminalize and set up ways for patients to access the plant. Twenty-three states having medicinal marijuana and two states having recreational marijuana, jobs have sprung up for the obvious positions, trimmers, caretakers (growers), dispensaries, and one not so obvious job, advertisers. Enter Smoke Signal Advertising.

Based here in Tyler and formed by former TJC students, Jeremy Scott, Madison Payne, Kamren Scott and Kevin Watts. Smoke Signal Advertising is taking advantage of an almost untapped market in the newly legal marijuana business. And with any new venture there can be some bumps on the road.

"The biggest hurdle has been not having the luxury to make face-to-face first impressions with potential clients," said Madison Payne founding member of Smoke Signal Advertising, "we have had to rely solely on our capabilities and marketing strategies to reach clients."

Marijuana may not be legal in the state of Texas but that does not mean they have not done work for companies here. Smoke Signal Advertising has recently wrapped up a website for the North Texas chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws or NORML. According to NORML's website their mission is to move public opinion sufficiently to legalize the responsible use of marijuana by adults, and to serve as an advocate for consumers to assure they have access to high quality marijuana that is safe, convenient and affordable.

"We are running email, direct mail, and social media campaigns at the moment," said Kamren Scott another founding member, "primarily targeting Colorado and Washington because they have both medicinal and recreational dispensaries."

With the never ending battle for legalization showing some kind of light at the end of the tunnel with more cities passing legislation, Philadelphia's Mayor Michael Nutter said he would sign an amendment to decriminalize marijuana, making it the largest city in the country to do so.

"Every day we progress more and more in the fight for legalization. There is still a lot to be done," said Payne, "and there are a lot of misconceptions that need to be cleared in the industry, and that's exactly what we are setting out to do. I fully believe that one day we will see nation-wide legalization."



Courtesy photo

**FIRED UP** Madison Payne, left, and Kamren Scott, right, pow wow over their information concerning their fledgling enterprise. (Above)

**BLOWING SMOKE** The logo for Smoke Signal Advertising will soon spread to locations all over the United States.





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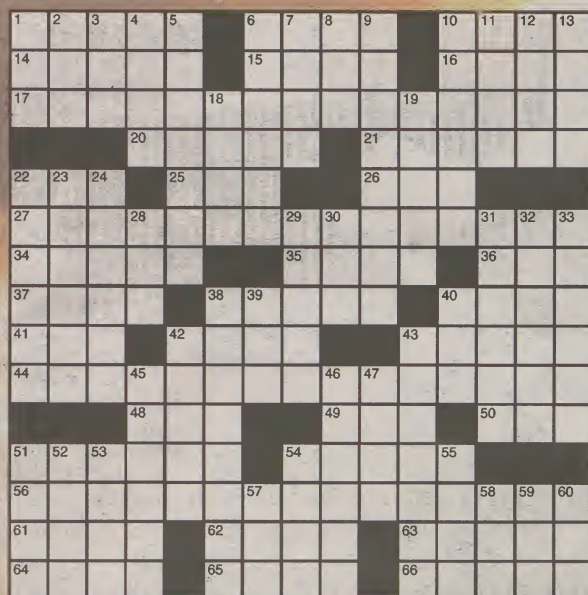


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- 1 Jiggly see-through dish
- 6 Character deficiency
- 10 Cutting remark
- 14 Formal "will"
- 15 1970 Kinks hit
- 16 Matty or Felipe of baseball
- 17 What regular exercise helps maintain
- 20 Run \_\_\_ of the law
- 21 Like very cheap merchandise
- 22 Part of CBS: Abbr.
- 25 "\_\_\_ voyage!"
- 26 Solo who loved Leia
- 27 Mindreader's claim
- 34 Delta rival, as it was formerly known
- 35 TiVo predecessors
- 36 Actor Stephen
- 37 Cocktail hour bowlfuls
- 38 \_\_\_ and joy
- 40 Corridor
- 41 Gun for a gangster
- 42 Completely closed
- 43 Language of India
- 44 1980 Rolling Stones hit
- 48 Quaint lodging
- 49 Author Fleming
- 50 Mini-albums, for short
- 51 Bob Marley's music
- 54 Signs on for another stint
- 56 Priest or lama, e.g.
- 61 Start of Caesar's boast
- 62 Jason's ship
- 63 Religious belief
- 64 Black-eyed veggies
- 65 Eat, as ribs
- 66 "The Metamorphosis" writer Franz

### DOWN

- 1 Egyptian slitherer
- 2 "Pipe down!"



By Kevin Christian and Andrea Carla Michaels

8/11/14

### Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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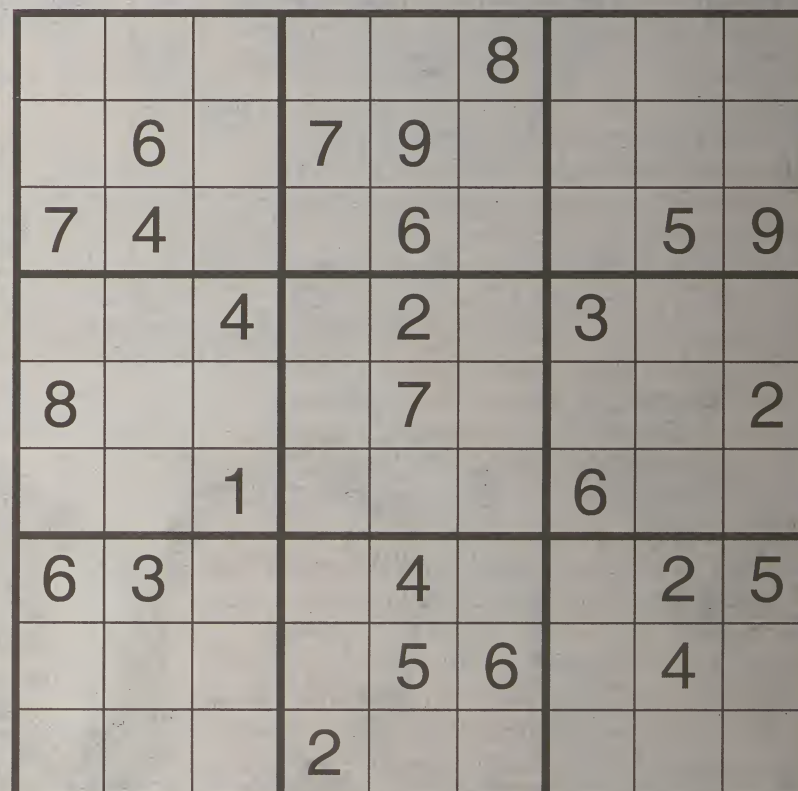
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- 3 Foot the bill
- 4 "Casablanca" heroine
- 5 Energy-boosting organic snack brand
- 6 Show off shamelessly
- 7 Lounge about
- 8 Furry TV E.T.
- 9 "Sit tight while I get help"
- 10 Fruit often sliced onto cereal
- 11 Tavern orders
- 12 \_\_\_ Hashanah
- 13 Like bees or beavers
- 18 Chilly
- 19 Snares
- 22 Mark from an old eraser
- 23 "No, you're not" retort
- 24 Stand at attention
- 28 "\_\_\_ the season to be jolly ..."
- 29 Musical set in Argentina
- 30 HDTV feature
- 31 Hypnotic state
- 32 Delayed
- 33 New Haven Ivy Leaguers
- 38 Series of voice mail messages, say
- 39 Beat a retreat
- 40 Old what's-\_\_\_ name
- 42 Mount for Moses
- 43 Nag, nag, nag
- 45 Baghdad's river
- 46 Hide out
- 47 \_\_\_ Julia of "The Addams Family"
- 51 "Let me know," on invitations
- 52 Fencing sword
- 53 Actress Gershon
- 54 Music from India
- 55 "Nobody doesn't like \_\_\_ Lee"
- 57 Coffee hour server
- 58 Phone letters on the "3" button
- 59 Cartoon scream
- 60 No. formerly on vitamin labels

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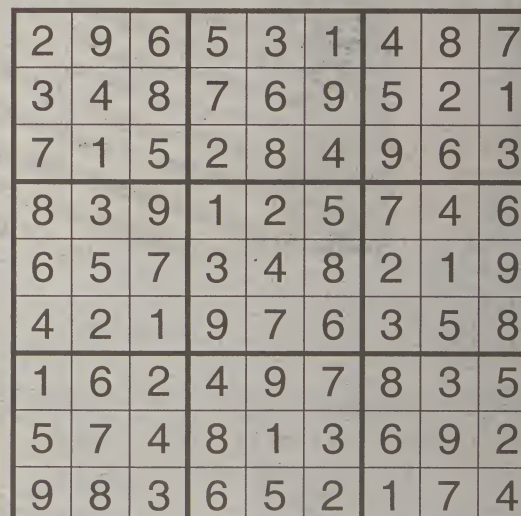
THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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### SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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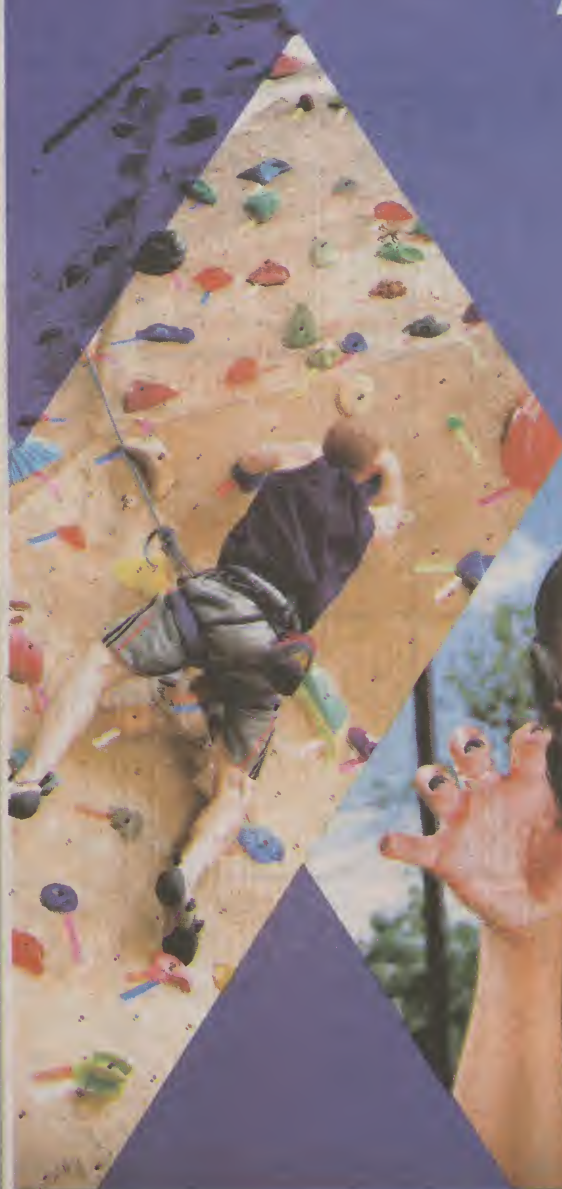
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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